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Corresponding Buffer
Allocations for Deadlock-
Free Computer System
Operation

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REQUEST TO RECONSIDER DECISION ON PETITION TO WITHDRAW
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER. §1.81(a)

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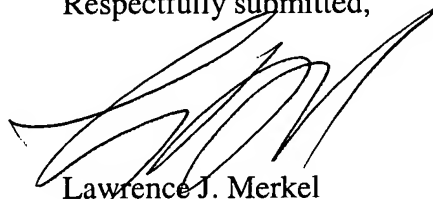
Applicants have received the Decision on Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) (mailed by the USPTO on July 30, 2003 and referred to below as the "Decision"). The Decision was mailed in response to Applicants' Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) (mailed by Applicants on May 29, 2003 and referred to below as the "Petition").

The Decision dismissed the Petition, stating that no copy of the papers submitted on December 18, 2002 were provided. Applicants respectfully disagree. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a copy of the date-stamped return receipt postcard evidencing receipt by the USPTO of the Petition along with a copy of the previously submitted Appeal Brief and related papers mailed December 18, 2002. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is another copy of the Appeal Brief and related papers submitted on December 18, 2002.

Applicants request reconsideration of the Decision and favorable action withdrawing the holding of abandonment.

No fees are believed due, however, should any fees be necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5500-46300/LJM.

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